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## Jamaica

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Jamaica due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Jamaica due to crime. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays of less than 90 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

[1] (876) 702-6000; US Embassy in Kingston, 142 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6, Jamaica, WI; KingstonACS@state.gov; <https://jm.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

876

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 110; Fire: 110; Police: 119

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Tropical; hot, humid; temperate interior

### Currency (Code)

Jamaican dollars (JMD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

110 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



### Major Languages

English, English patois

### Religions

Protestant 64.8%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Jehovah's Witness 1.9%, Rastafarian 1.1%

### Time Difference

UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	If your driver's license doesn't have a stamped photograph, an IDP is required.
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Negril Beach & Negril Cliffs; rafting the Martha Brae River; Dunn's River Falls; Blue & John Crow Mountains National Park; Port Antonio; Doctor's Cave Beach
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, cricket, track and field, netball, rugby
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Men often pat each other's shoulder or arm during greetings or conversation.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping 10-20% is appropriate in nicer restaurants. Before tipping at a hotel, be sure to check if tips are even allowed. In some cases, employees can be fired if caught taking gifts or money.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate,  
or call one of these numbers:  
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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